

# ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE VARIOUS

## BOARDS OF TOWN OFFICERS

OF THE

## TOWN OF MENDON

INCLUDING THE REPORT OF THE

## SCHOOL COMMITTEE

FOR THE

Municipal Year Ending December 31, 1924

258TH ANNUAL REPORT.

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## TREASURER'S REPORT.

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The undersigned Treasurer of the Town of Mendon for the financial year ending Dec. 31, 1924, submits an account of his doings.

The Treasurer debits himself with receiving the following sums, viz :—

To cash received, unexpended balance	
Jan. 1, 1924 .....	\$41 15
To cash received, Milford Savings Bank	18,000 00
To cash received, State Treasurer, Civilian War Poll Tax, 1920 .....	6 00
To cash received, Civilian War Poll Tax, 1921, 1922 and Corporation Tax ..	44 93
To cash received, Albert W. Sears, Rent of Town Hall .....	248 50
To cash received, State Treasurer, Income of Mass. School Fund ....	2,567 11
To cash received, State Treasurer, Corporation Tax Business, 1923..	20 17
To cash received, State Treasurer, Account of Vocational Education	205 35
To cash received, Ladies' Alliance, for Rent .....	18 00
To cash received, State Treasurer, Income Tax 1922 and Prior Years	36 73
To cash received, State Treasurer, Income Tax, 1923 .....	104 00
To cash received, Russell E. Bates, Pool License .....	2 00



To cash received, Nipmuc Park Co. License .....	100 00
To cash received, State Treasurer, Account of Inspection of Animals .....	26 25
To cash received, State Treasurer, Account of Highways .....	2,700 00
To cash received, State Treasurer, Account of Superintendent of Schools .....	580 00
To cash received, State Treasurer, Income Tax, 1924 .....	152 00
To cash received, State Treasurer, High School Tuition in Special Cases .....	512 50
To cash received, County Treasurer, account of Highways .....	1,000 00
To cash received, State Treasurer, account of Highways .....	1,000 00
To cash received, County Treasurer, Dog Tax .....	351 39
To cash received, State Treasurer, Corporation Tax, P. S. ....	16
To cash received, W. A. Barry, 1/2 Fees, Hay Scales .....	13 30
To cash received, for Grass on Founders' Park .....	5 00
To cash received, Verena Daley, Library Fines .....	37 75
To cash received State Treasurer, Corporation Tax, Public Service ..	140 17
To cash received, State Treasurer, Corporation Tax, Business .....	87 80
To cash received, State Treasurer, Income Tax, 1924 .....	2,023 53
To cash received, State Treasurer, National Bank Tax, under Sec. 10A, Chap. 63 General Laws .....	229 36

To cash received, State Treasurer, Street Railway Tax .....	12 40	
To cash received, State Treasurer, State Aid .....	156 00	
To cash received, State Treasurer, Soldiers' Exemption .....	32 97	
To cash received, State Treasurer, Surplus War Bonus Funds .....	568 01	
To cash received, Milford Savings Bank, Interest .....	33 64	
To cash received, State Treasurer, Tuition of Children .....	730 67	
To cash received, State Treasurer, National Bank Tax, 1923 .....	17 02	
To cash received, City of Boston, School account .....	117 08	
To cash received, G. C. Coffin, Collector of Taxes .....	19,632 38	
	<hr/>	\$51,553 32

The Treasurer credits himself with paying the following sums, viz:—

By cash, Director of Accounts .....	\$14 00	
By cash, Milford Savings Bank, Revenue Notes .....	14,000 00	
By cash, Milford Savings Bank, Interest .....	451 25	
By cash, County Tax .....	1,301 00	
By cash, State Treasurer, State Tax ...	1,600 00	
By cash, State Treasurer, Auditing Municipal Accounts .....	524 56	
By cash, State Treasurer, Repairs of State Highways .....	228 80	
By cash, Town Orders .....	31,970 82	
	<hr/>	\$50,090 43
Unexpended cash in bank .....		1,462 89
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		\$51,553 32

## AUSTIN WOOD RELIEF FUND.

## Dr.

To cash received, Milford Savings Bank	\$878 78	
To cash received, Worcester County Institution for Savings .....	377 65	
To cash received, United States Liberty Bond .....	500 00	
To cash received, Interest on Bond ....	21 25	
To cash received, Interest, Milford Savings Bank .....	37 63	
To cash received, Interest, Worcester County Institution for Savings ....	17 17	
	<hr/>	\$1,832 48

## Cr.

By cash paid, Three Town Orders ....	\$125 00	
By cash deposited in Milford Savings Bank .....	812 66	
By cash deposited in Worcester County Institution for Savings .....	394 82	
By cash, United States Liberty Bond	500 00	
	<hr/>	\$1,832 48

## SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 FUND.

## Dr.

To cash deposited in Milford Savings Bank .....	\$718 43	
To Interest received on same .....	32 68	
	<hr/>	\$751 11

## Cr.

By cash deposited in Milford Savings Bank .....	\$751 11	
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Notes against the Town, Jan. 1, 1925 are:—

I Revenue Note .....	\$4,000 00	
I Revenue Note .....	2,000 00	
	<hr/>	\$6,000 00

Respectfully submitted,

MOSES U. GASKILL,

Treasurer.

Mendon, Jan. 1, 1925.

## SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

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The Selectmen of Mendon submit the following report for the fiscal year ending December 31, 1924.

### SALARIES OF TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid Luther W. Holbrook, auditor . . . .	\$10 00
John C. Ripley, assessor . . . . .	120 00
Chas. H. Allen, assessor . . . . .	150 00
Henry W. Gaskill, assessor . . . . .	100 00
G. C. Coffin, tax collector, 1923 . . . .	150 00
Chas. H. Allen, town clerk . . . . .	75 00
Arthur E. Brown, constable . . . . .	25 00
Arthur E. Brown, dog officer . . . . .	10 00
Carl M. Taft, tree warden . . . . .	10 00
Frank M. Aldrich, moth scout . . . .	10 00
Moses U. Gaskill, treasurer, 1924 . .	150 00
Frank H. Wood, moderator . . . . .	5 00
P. John Hoberg, overseer of poor . .	45 00
Carl M. Taft, overseer of poor . . . .	6 00
Franklin E. Goodnow, overseer of poor . . . . .	6 00
Franklin E. Goodnow, selectman . .	50 00
Carl M. Taft, selectman . . . . .	35 00
P. John Hoberg, selectman . . . . .	35 00
Joseph R. Saucier, fire warden . . . .	10 00
Chas. H. Allen, sealer of weights and measures . . . . .	9 50
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	\$1,011 50

## MOTH SCOUT.

Paid Frank M. Aldrich .....	\$144 00	
Geo. M. Aldrich .....	92 00	
Clarence H. Moore .....	84 00	
	<hr/>	\$320 00

## STREET LIGHTING.

Paid Worcester Suburban Elec. Co. ...	\$1,091 78	
	<hr/>	\$1,091 78

## CARE OF OLD CEMETERY.

Paid Alonzo E. Brown .....	\$24 50	
Alonzo E. Brown .....	25 50	
	<hr/>	\$50 00

## MEMORIAL DAY.

Paid Memorial Day Committee .....	\$65 00	
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## BOARD OF HEALTH.

Paid Carl M. Taft, fumigating and candles .....	\$5 00	
Dr. K. A. Campbell, Randor case ...	2 50	
Carl M. Taft, fumigating .....	1 00	
Dr. K. A. Campbell, Hennelly and Cunningham cases, 1919 .....	24 50	
	<hr/>	\$33 00

## STATE AID TO PENSIONERS.

Paid State Aid to Pensioners, 12 months .....		\$144 00
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## FIRE DEPARTMENT, INCLUDING FOREST FIRES.

Paid W. D. Mann & Co. ....	\$3 60	
Worcester Suburban Elec. Co. ....	24 00	
Osachuk fire .....	4 50	
New England Fire Appliance Co., supplies .....	77 22	
Payroll, Kelley and Lowell fires ....	12 00	
Carpenter Hill and Park street fires	35 75	
Albert W. Sears, care of fire house	4 23	
Town of Bellingham, LaPoint fire ..	5 00	
Payroll Inman Hill brush fire .....	297 50	
Town of Hopedale, Sprague fire ....	15 00	
Henry Patrick Co., supplies .....	5 60	
Town of Hopedale, Sweeney and Tucker fires .....	60 00	
Chester C. Shattuck .....	12 38	
	<hr/>	\$556 78

## TREE WARDEN.

Paid Frank M. Aldrich, pruning and cutting trees .....	\$12 00	
Geo. M. Aldrich, labor .....	8 00	
Clarence H. Moore, labor .....	8 06	
Carl M. Taft, truck and labor .....	24 00	
Carl Wilbur, labor .....	6 00	
Harold C. Barrows, labor .....	12 00	
	<hr/>	\$70 06

## INCIDENTALS.

## PRINTING.

Paid Milford Daily News .....	\$40 00
Charlescraft Press, printing reports..	182 02
W. and L. E. Gurley .....	6 67
G. M. Billings .....	42 25

P. B. Murphy .....	7 25
Wm P. Clark .....	13 00
Emerson & Co. ....	1 85

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 \$293 04

## BALLOT CLERKS AND TELLERS.

Paid Leonard G. Burr .....	\$12 00
Edwin A. Walsh .....	18 00
Harold C. Barrows .....	18 00
J. J. Driscoll .....	18 00
Herbert S. Wood .....	14 00

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 \$80 00

## POLICE.

Paid Arthur E. Brown, killing and burying one unlicensed dog ....	\$2 00
Arthur E. Brown, services July 3 and 4 .....	4 00
Arthur E. Brown, court fees .....	7 35
Arthur E. Brown, expenses for the Willard case .....	18 00
Arthur E. Brown, Bernard case ....	52 45
Arthur E. Brown, court fees .....	69 20
Arthur E. Brown, court fees .....	9 50
Arthur E. Brown, Coutamach case ..	48 00
Arthur E. Brown, court fees .....	39 96
Frank S. Brown, services July 3 and 4	4 00

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 \$254 46

## TOWN HALL.

Paid Chas. H. Allen, repairs on windows .....	\$6 00
Worcester Suburban Elec. Co. ....	48 11
Frank H. Wood, wood .....	22 00
H. M. Burr, supplies .....	1 60



H. S. Chadbourne Co., supplies .....	6 60
Joseph Saucier, wood and sawing ...	19 50
Albert W. Sears, janitor .....	154 00
Henry L. Schultz, changing lights ..	20 42
M. M. Goodnow, stove, pipes, labor	20 50
Arthur P. Clarridge, repairs .....	15 50

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\$314 23

## INCIDENTALS.

Paid New England Tel. & Tel. Co....	\$7 20
Herbert J. George, insurance .....	262 54
Barney Coal Co., coal .....	16 50
James B. Edwards, death returns ...	1 50
Barney Coal Co., coal .....	16 00
Moses U. Gaskill, inspector of cattle	52 50
Carl M. Taft, auto hire .....	8 00
Wendell Williams, services .....	100 00
Parker, Milton & Riley, services.....	150 00
Worcester Abstract Co., supplies ....	23 34
Luther W. Holbrook, fertilizer and labor .....	6 90
H. F. Nealley, keys .....	50
Carl M. Taft, auto hire .....	14 00
The Carters Ink Co., supplies .....	83
M. M. Goodnow Co., watering trough repairs .....	4 00
Parker, Milton & Riley, services ....	250 00
Wendell Williams, services .....	334 95
Calvin W. Clifford, damages .....	125 00
Chester F. Williams, services. ....	12 00
B. C. Wood, lumber .....	44 40
Chas. H. Allen, repair ballot box ....	6 50
Luther W. Holbrook, care of parks	4 40
R. Dexter Tolman, new ballot box ..	70 00
Frederick A. Gould, hardware .....	4 50
Moses U. Gaskill, stamps .....	7 62

Franklin E. Goodnow, stamps .....	4 00	
John C. Lynch, services .....	25 00	
Parker, Milton & Riley, services ....	106 90	
Wendell Williams, services .....	35 85	
Joseph H. Dudley, care of parks ....	21 00	
Geo. W. Wood, death returns .....	75	
Walter W. Watson, death returns ...	75	
Chas. H. Allen, recording and indexing 22 deaths .....	11 00	
Chas. H. Allen, recording and indexing 19 marriages .....	9 50	
Chas. H. Allen, recording and indexing 27 births .....	27 00	
Chas. H. Allen, administering oaths to 37 town officers .....	9 25	
Chas. H. Allen, sealing town scales	1 00	
Chas. H. Allen, care of record rooms and lawn .....	12 00	
Chas. H. Allen, postage, car fare, express .....	6 50	
Chas. H. Allen, expenses to Clerk's meeting .....	2 00	
Carl M. Taft, auto hire .....	2 00	
Glen C. Coffin, stamps .....	15 00	
Arthur E. Brown, witness fees and expenses in Willard case .....	85 00	
	<hr/>	\$1,897 68

## BONDS FOR TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid Herbert J. George, treasurer's bond	\$32 00	
Herbert J. George, collector's bond..	50 00	
H. A. Daniels & Co., town clerk's bond .....	2 50	
	<hr/>	\$84 50

## AUSTIN WOOD RELIEF FUND.

\$125 00	
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## APPROPRIATION FOR SNOW.

Paid Wm. G. Larkin .....	\$1 50	
Payroll .....	414 75	
Payroll .....	177 45	
Thomas McTurk .....	3 00	
Gideon Halsing .....	6 00	
	<hr/>	\$602 70

The Selectmen report the assets and liabilities of the Town as follows:—

## LIABILITIES.

Salary of Collector, 1924 .....	\$228 00	
2 Revenue notes .....	6,000 00	
	<hr/>	\$6,228 00

## ASSETS.

Due from State for aid to pensioners ..	\$144 00	
Cash in hands of Treasurer .....	1,462 89	
Taxes due for year 1921 .....	24 50	
Taxes due for year 1922 .....	136 02	
Taxes due for year 1923 .....	1,076 73	
Taxes due for year 1924 .....	4,441 13	
	<hr/>	\$7,285 27

## RECAPITULATION.

Salaries .....	\$1,011 50
Support of Schools .....	14,758 90
Highways .....	8,818 15
State Aid .....	144 00
Support of Poor .....	743 01
Taft Library .....	781 99
Moth Scout .....	320 00
Board of Health .....	33 00
Tree Warden .....	70 06
Old Cemetery .....	50 00
Street lights .....	1,091 78
Memorial Day .....	65 00
Fire Department .....	556 78
Incidentals .....	2,754 41
Bonds .....	84 50
Clearing road of snow .....	602 70
Interest .....	451 25
	<hr/> \$32,337 03

## LIST OF JURORS, 1924.

Stanley McGaughey	Farmer
Geo. M. Aldrich	Farmer
Charles M. Bagg	Mechanic
George M. Barrows	Clerk
Carl F. Hoberg	Mechanic
Herbert J. George	Farmer
Edgar L. White	Box Maker
Charles F. Leonard	Farmer
Edward Smethurst	Mechanic
Leonard E. Taft	Farmer
Harvey E. Trask	Carpenter
Edwin A. Walsh	Mechanic
Herbert S. Wood	Farmer
Alanson Freeman	Farmer
Frank S. Brown	Mechanic

## APPROPRIATIONS FOR YEAR 1924.

Salaries .....	\$1,000 00	
Taft Library .....	750 00	
Interest .....	300 00	
Bonds .....	90 00	
Board of Health .....	100 00	
Fire Department .....	200 00	
Soldiers' Relief .....	50 00	
Support of Poor .....	1,000 00	
Repairs of Highways under Chapter 81	2,700 00	
General Repairs of Highways .....	500 00	
Support of Schools .....	14,200 00	
School Physician .....	50 00	
Incidentals .....	1,200 00	
Tree Warden .....	100 00	
Moth Scout .....	300 00	
Memorial Day .....	65 00	
Old Cemetery .....	50 00	
School Nurse .....	200 00	
Improved Road .....	500 00	
Street Lights .....	1,100 00	
Snow .....	400 00	
Street Signs .....	100 00	
Hartford Avenue (special) .....	300 00	
Emergency .....	1,000 00	
	<hr/>	\$26,255 00

Respectfully submitted,

FRANKLIN E. GOODNOW,  
CARL M. TAFT,  
P. JOHN HOBERG,

Selectmen of Mendon.

## ASSESSORS' REPORT.

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Appropriations for 1924 .....	\$26,255 00
Amount appropriated from uncollected taxes .....	2,000 00
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Amount to be raised by taxation .....	\$24,255 00
Estimated receipts including 338 polls .....	9,192 52
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	\$15,062 48
State tax .....	\$2,353 36
County tax .....	1,301 00
Overlayings .....	309 61
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	\$19,026 45
Poll Taxes committed to Collector, Aug. 18, 1924 .....	\$676 00
Property Taxes committed to Collector, Aug. 18, 1924 .....	19,026 45
Omitted Taxes committed to Collector, Dec. 19, 1924 .....	94 52
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Total amount committed to Collector ..	\$19,796 97

### TABLE OF AGGREGATES.

Number of residents assessed on property .....	307
Number of non-residents assessed on property ....	192
Number of persons assessed .....	610
Number of male polls .....	338
Value of assessed personal estate .....	\$137,595 00
Value of assessed real estate .....	919,430 00
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	\$1,057,025 00

Rate of total tax per \$1000 .....	\$18 00
Number of horses assessed .....	133
Number of cows assessed.. .....	501
Number of sheep assessed .....	0
Number of neat cattle assessed .....	118
Number of swine assessed .....	8
Number of dwelling houses assessed .....	329
Number of acres of land assessed .....	10,895
Number of fowls assessed .....	4,948
Value of fowls assessed .....	\$4,948 00

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES H. ALLEN,  
HENRY W. GASKILL,  
JOHN C. RIPLEY,

Assessors of Mendon.

Mendon, January 1, 1925.

## COLLECTOR'S REPORT.

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1921.

DR.

To balance uncollected, Jan. 1, 1924 ..	\$198 05	
Interest collected .....	17 37	
	<hr/>	\$215 42

CR.

By cash paid Town Treasurer .....	\$186 32	
Abatement .....	4 60	
Uncollected .....	24 50	
	<hr/>	\$215 42

1922.

DR.

To balance uncollected, Jan. 1, 1924 ..	\$645 38	
Interest collected .....	38 31	
	<hr/>	\$678 69

CR.

By cash paid Town Treasurer .....	\$515 89	
Abatements .....	26 78	
Uncollected .....	136 02	
	<hr/>	\$678 69

1923.

DR.

To balance uncollected, Jan. 1, 1924 ..	\$4,706 57	
Interest collected .....	59 64	
	<hr/>	\$4,766 21



## CR.

By cash paid Town Treasurer .....	\$3,570 18	
Abatements .....	119 30	
Uncollected .....	1,076 73	
	<hr/>	\$4,766 21

1924.

## DR.

To taxes committed for collection .....	\$19,692 45	
Additional assessments .....	94 52	
Interest collected .....	20 99	
	<hr/>	\$19,817 96

## CR.

By cash paid Town Treasurer .....	\$15,360 43	
Abatements .....	16 40	
Uncollected .....	4,441 13	
	<hr/>	\$19,817 96

Respectfully submitted,

GLENVILLE C. COFFIN,

Collector of Taxes 1921-'22-'23-'24.

## HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

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The Highway Superintendent submits the following report for the fiscal year ending Dec. 31, 1924.

### RESOURCES.

Appropriation under Chapter 81 .....	\$2,700 00	
From State under Chapter 81 .....	2,700 00	
Appropriation general repairs .....	500 00	
Special appropriation Hartford Ave. ..	300 00	
Street Railway Tax .....	12 40	
	<hr/>	\$6,212 40

### IMPROVED ROAD 1924

Appropriation .....	\$500 00	
State and County .....	2,000 00	
	<hr/>	\$2,500 00
Superintendent .....	\$164 95	
Joseph Saucier, 1 ton truck .....	333 00	
Joseph Saucier, tractor .....	435 00	
Joseph Saucier, 2½ ton truck .....	441 50	
Carl M. Taft, 1 ton truck .....	79 50	
Harold Barrows, labor .....	104 68	
Lester Brooks, labor .....	73 80	
Joseph Moore, labor .....	95 85	
Frank S. Brown, labor .....	75 60	
George Cromb, labor .....	56 70	
Francis Morrison, labor .....	104 23	

Earle Kempton, labor .....	76 05	
Fred Bertrand, labor .....	36 80	
Edward Goss, labor .....	56 25	
Wilfred Saucier, labor .....	1 80	
Carl Wilbur, labor .....	6 13	
F. A. Gould, supplies .....	7 30	
Luigi A. Recchiuto, supplies .....	26 65	
Clark Ellis & Sons .....	13 40	
Uxbridge Hardware & Furniture Co., supplies .....	2 60	
New England Metal Culvert Co.....	221 68	
Joseph Saucier, supplies .....	22 29	
B. Daley, gravel .....	10 60	
J. Frank Leonard, gravel .....	1 70	
C. A. Fletcher, gravel .....	51 70	
	<hr/>	\$2,499 79

## GENERAL REPAIRS.

Superintendent .....	\$35 00
Joseph Saucier, trucks .....	176 00
Joseph Saucier, tractor .....	42 50
Carl M. Taft, truck .....	25 50
Harold Barrows, labor .....	4 05
Lester Brooks, labor .....	7 65
Joseph Moore, labor .....	7 65
Earle Kempton, labor .....	7 65
Francis Morrison, labor .....	7 65
Frank S. Brown, labor .....	6 30
George Cromb, labor .....	7 65
Fred Saucier, labor .....	8 31
Fred Bertrand, labor .....	13 12
Harry Saucier, labor .....	13 50
Walter Wilbur, labor .....	3 95
F. C. Townsend, signs .....	28 81
Joseph Saucier, lumber .....	7 50

Luigi A. Recchiuto, supplies .....	11 00	
F. A. Gould, supplies .....	12 00	
Hedge & Matthers Co., supplies .....	1 00	
W. A. Barry, supplies .....	34 75	
Clark Ellis & Sons, supplies .....	22 20	
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		\$483 74

## HARTFORD AVENUE.

## SPECIAL APPROPRIATION.

Superintendent .....	\$28 13	
Joseph Saucier, truck .....	78 75	
Carl M. Taft, truck .....	78 75	
Joseph Saucier, tractor .....	37 50	
Carl Wilbur, labor .....	17 50	
Harold Barrows, labor .....	19 69	
Fred Bertrand, labor .....	13 13	
Edward Goss, labor .....	15 31	
Oscar Russen, gravel .....	10 00	
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		\$298 76

## CHAPTER 81.

Superintendent .....	\$334 73	
Joseph Saucier, trucks .....	1,568 87	
Joseph Saucier, tractor .....	678 75	
Carl M. Taft, truck .....	748 25	
Kenneth Taft, truck .....	326 00	
Lester Brooks, labor .....	18 80	
Joseph Moore, labor .....	19 59	
Earle Kempton, labor .....	15 30	
Francis Morrison, labor .....	136 80	
Frank S. Brown, labor .....	12 15	
George Cromb, labor .....	11 25	
Carl Wilbur, labor .....	150 72	
Harold Barrows, labor .....	83 77	

Edward Goss, labor .....	19 98
Fred Bertrand, labor .....	94 07
Harry Saucier, labor.. .....	76 14
Albert Hackanson, labor .....	69 56
Leonard E. Taft, team .....	1 00
Fred Saucier, labor .....	7 00
Wilfred Saucier, labor .....	7 00
Henry Morrison, labor .....	69 58
Carl M. Taft, labor .....	3 50
Uxbridge Hardware and Furniture Co., supplies .....	9 45
Texas Co., oil .....	901 41
Iron Trap Rock Co. ....	13 76
Nelson S. Huff, repairs .....	10 00
B. Daley, gravel .....	46 40
Wm. H. Finn, gravel .....	27 00
Amos Austin, gravel .....	11 10
The Barrett Co., tar .....	62 94
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	\$5,534 86

JOSEPH R. SAUCIER,

Highway Superintendent.

## REPORT OF OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

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The Overseers of the Poor submit the following report for the fiscal year ending December 31, 1924.

### RESOURCES.

Appropriation .....	\$1,000 00
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### EXPENDITURES.

Paid for support of two persons in private families .....	\$638 77	
Paid on account of two persons assisted in own homes .....	85 24	
Paid on account of one person in Hospital .....	2 00	
Paid on account of one person, medical attendance, 1923 .....	2 00	
Paid Carl M. Taft for transporting one person to Tewksbury Hospital ...	15 00	
	<hr/>	\$743 01
Balance unexpended .....		\$256 99

Respectfully submitted,

P. JOHN HOBERG,  
CARL M. TAFT,  
FRANKLIN E. GOODNOW,

Overseers of the Poor.

Mendon, January 1, 1925.

## REPORT OF TOWN CLERK.

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### DOGS LICENSED IN 1924.

141 Males and spayed females .....	\$282 00	
29 Females .....	145 00	
	<hr/>	\$427 00
Less Clerk's fees .....		34 00
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Cash paid County Treasurer .....		\$393 00

### HUNTING AND FISHING CERTIFICATES ISSUED FROM JAN. 1, 1924 TO DEC. 31, 1924.

Resident Citizen's combination certificates at \$2.00 each .....	38	\$76 00
Resident Citizen's Hunting and trapping at \$1.50 each .....	22	33 00
Non-resident Citizen's combination certificates at \$10.00 each .....	2	20 00
Resident Citizen's Fishing certificates at \$1.00 each .....	10	10 00
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		\$139 00
Fees retained by Clerk .....		14 70
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Amount paid Division of Fisheries and Game .....		\$124 30

## BIRTHS REGISTERED IN 1924.

Date of Birth 1924	Name of Child	Parents with Maiden Name of Mother
Feb. 6.	Richard Alfred Saucier	Alfred R. and Elizabeth Spoonhauer
Feb. 26.	Geneva Mae Wilber	Carl M. and Nellie Tucker
Mar. 15.	Dorothy Alice Anesta	Joseph and Ursula Soveski
Mar. 7.	Male	
April 2.	Richard Stanley Canon	Harold G. and Mary Hackenson
April 12.	Male	
April 27.	Harold Joseph McEwen	Joseph Wand and Josephine I. Folger
May 12.	Everett Joseph Kempton	Fred L. and Lucy M. Daige
May 15.	Roberta Robinson	William A. and Stella M. Henry
June 20.	George Wolleck	Alexander and Anna Wolleck
July 2.	Edward Harry Randolph Hentschel	Edward F. and Edith P. Menses
July 11.	Ruth Irene Perron	Samuel H. and Rose T. Russell
July 20.	Andrew Novitsky	Stanley and Petronella Strahasky
July 28.	William Edward Hackenson	Albert and Grace Taft
Sept. 1.	Sigfrid Bror Carlson	Maurice and Annie Halsing
Sept. 2.	Emil Strugg	John and Mary Kusa
Sept. 13.	Joseph Wilfred Rene Lavalley	Napoleon and Valeda Pare
Sept. 18.	Harold Clayton Barrows, Jr.	Harold C. and Florence H. Miller
Sept. 24.	William Leslie Auty	Alfred and Mary Mathews
Sept. 25.	Doris Burnett Taft	George K. and Lois J. Lawrence
Oct. 5.	Alvar Merrill Halsing	Carl A. and Doris Kempton
Oct. 22.	Elsie May Osgood	Henry K. and Esther C. Daige
Nov. 8.	Ernest Emanuel Miiller, Jr.	Ernest E. and Gertrude Hoggarth
Nov. 9.	Lloyd Earle Blackwood	Robert and Caroline Freeman
Nov. 15.	Raymond E. Thomas, Jr.	Raymond E. and Bertha M. Fernald
Nov. 20.	Norma Grassotti	John and Lillian Satallinelli
Nov. 23.	Male	

## MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN 1924.

Date of Marriage 1924	Names	Residence
Jan. 26.	Maurice Sigfrid Carlson	Hopedale, Mass.
	Anna Emerentia Halsing	Mendon, Mass.
Feb. 4.	Wilfred Jeffrey Bertrand	Mendon, Mass.
	Josephine Flora Saucier	Mendon, Mass.
Feb. 9.	Ivan Carroll Clement	Everett, Mass.
	Edith Evelyn Marie Hoberg	Mendon, Mass.
Feb. 9.	Gunvald Halsing	Mendon, Mass.
	Hilda Nyholm	Milford, Mass.
Feb. 7.	Carl Moses Wilber	Mendon, Mass.
	Nellie Genieve Tucker	Mendon, Mass.
Feb. 16.	Henry H. Matthewson	Mendon, Mass.
	Olive Hoggarth	Mendon, Mass.
Mar. 24.	Melvin Edward Pinkham	Milford, Mass.
	Mary Eliza Darling	Mendon, Mass.
May 12.	Irving Chester Darling	Mendon, Mass.
	Gladys Lillian Pinkham	Mendon, Mass.
June 16.	Albert Andrew Hackenson	Mendon, Mass.
	Grace Catherine Taft	Mendon, Mass.
July 16.	Ernest Leroy Kempton	Mendon, Mass.
	Alice Gertrude Barrows	Milford, Mass.
Aug. 9.	George Richard Hoggarth	Mendon, Mass.
	Jennie Verine Brown	Woonsocket, R. I.
Aug. 19.	Wilfred Saucier	Mendon, Mass.
	Josephine Ouilette	Sutton, Mass.



Date of Marriage 1924		Names	Residence
Sept. 1.		Donald Deane Grayson	Hopedale, Mass.
		Hermine Arletta Knight	Mendon, Mass.
Oct. 8.		Joseph Bryden McDonald	Milford, Mass.
		Lillian Dorothy Perry	Mendon, Mass.
Oct. 4.		Marcus Morton Goodnow	Mendon, Mass.
		Florence Louise Jewett	Mendon, Mass.
Oct. 13.		Patrick Joseph Murphy	Mendon, Mass.
		Dorothy Harney	Mendon, Mass.
Oct. 19.		Ernest Sylvester Perkins	Hopedale, Mass.
		Lucille Frances Kempton	Mendon, Mass.
Nov. 29		Charles Everett Britton	Uxbridge, Mass.
		Minnie Augusta Norberry	Mendon, Mass.
Dec. 1.		Walter Francis Moore	Hopedale, Mass.
		Marlon Steere	Mendon, Mass.

## DEATHS REGISTERED IN 1924.

Date of Death 1924		Names	Y	Age M	D
Jan. 12.		Ruth B. Ripley	30	4	11
Jan. 26.		Katherine M. Wadsworth	53		16
Feb. 24.		Martha E. George	73	7	9
Feb. 29.		William Smith	59	10	24
Mar. 1.		Mary DeCosta	78	—	—
Mar. 6.		Clarence W. Blaisdell	52	—	—
Mar. 7.		Male	—	—	—
Mar. 18.		John J. Nugent	56	—	—
Mar. 21.		Julia Byrne	47	10	—
Mar. 21.		Robert P. Neil	58	11	15
April 1.		William McGaughey	67	4	23
April 13.		Male	—	—	—
April 30.		John Byrne	83	1	7
July 13.		Ella G. Kinsley	73	10	13
July 24.		Mary E. Fletcher	68	10	13
Nov. 24.		Owen Brady	69	0	11
Nov. 24.		Male	—	—	—
Nov. 27.		Walter L. Ellis	88	6	25
Dec. 12.		Roman Marshall	74	—	—
Dec. 19.		Charlotte A. Snow	69	5	7
Dec. 23.		Josephine Lavalie	59	6	15
Dec. 23.		Lyman Cook	74	1	13

If errors or omissions are discovered in the lists of Births, Marriages or Deaths, report them to the Town Clerk that the record may be corrected.

Blanks for the return of all Vital records can be obtained of the Town Clerk.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES H. ALLEN,

Town Clerk.

Mendon, January 1, 1925.

## TOWN OF MENDON BY-LAWS.

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I hereby certify that at a town meeting duly held in the town of Mendon on March 3, 1924, pursuant to a warrant therefor, the following were made and established by-laws for the Town of Mendon in addition to the present by-laws of the town:

### ARTICLE IX.

#### FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Section 1. There shall be a finance committee, consisting of three members, to be appointed by the Board of Selectmen. Promptly after this by-law shall go into effect, the Board of Selectmen shall appoint from the registered voters of the town one member of said committee to serve until the expiration of the municipal year, one to serve until the expiration of the next following municipal year and one to serve until the expiration of the next two following municipal years, and each year thereafter the Board of Selectmen promptly after election, shall appoint from said registered voters one member of said committee to serve for three years. All duly appointed members of the committee shall continue as such until their successors are appointed. The Board of Selectmen shall fill, by appointment, vacancies in the committee at any time occurring by reason of death, resignation, or from other cause.

Section 2. The committee shall organize each year by the selection of a chairman and a clerk. The clerk shall keep records of the doings of the committee.

Section 3. It shall be the duty of the committee to consider all articles in the warrants for town meetings, that involve

the expenditure of money, and at the meetings make recommendations in regard to the action that should be taken thereon. It shall also consider and report at each town meeting its recommendations as to any and all appropriations of money proposed to be made at said meeting.

Section 4. All officers and boards of officers, agents and committees of the town shall give the committee access to their books, records and accounts, and furnish to it all information with respect to the conduct of the town's affairs that it shall request. It may make such reports and recommendations to the town and the proper officers thereof, with respect to the management of the town's affairs and the conduct of any department as it shall deem proper.

Attest:

CHARLES H. ALLEN,

Clerk of Town of Mendon.

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Boston, Massachusetts, March 29, 1924.

I approve the foregoing by-laws.

JAY R. BENTON.

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Milford, Mass., April 11, 1924.

I hereby certify that the foregoing was duly published in the Milford Daily News, published in Milford, Worcester County, Massachusetts, three times to wit: April 8, 9 and 10, 1924.

W. D. LEAHY,

Manager.

FORTY-FOURTH ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
**TRUSTEES OF TAFT PUBLIC LIBRARY.**

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In reviewing the work of the year, it is interesting to note that our library is continuing in its true purpose of serving the public, by supplying it with the best literature obtainable, believing that a few volumes carefully selected yields far greater results than a large number picked at random.

Considerable attention has been paid to the repair of the books, many having been rebound, thereby adding to their length of life, beauty and usefulness.

Early in the year a one pipe furnace was installed from which we are obtaining fine results.

While the circulation is very good, nevertheless the fact remains that many families fail to take advantage of this open door to a broader and loftier view of life. Our librarian will be pleased to serve you at any time.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANKLIN E. GOODNOW, Chairman,  
EDWARD F. BLOOD, Secretary,  
LENA W. GEORGE,  
G. H. PICKARD,  
CARROLL H. DROWN,

Trustees of Taft Public Library.

## Finance Committee Report.

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Report of the Finance Committee of the Taft Public Library  
for the year ending Dec. 31, 1924.

### RESOURCES.

Appropriation .....	\$750 00	
Fines .....	37 75	
	<hr/>	\$787 75

### EXPENDITURES.

H. W. Wilson Co., books .....	\$14 00	
H. R. Huntting, books .....	41 90	
Jordan Marsh Co., books .....	16 08	
De Wolfe & Fiske Co., books .....	62 63	
W. A. Butterfield, books .....	10 35	
H. O. Houghton, Magazines .....	39 55	
H. W. Wilson Co., catalogue .....	1 00	
American Library Assn., book list .....	90	
Gaylord Bros., supplies .....	12 80	
C. C. Shattuck, supplies .....	25	
H. M. Burr, supplies .....	1 05	
Dura Binding Co., binding .....	45 70	
Verena Daley, salary .....	200 00	
Joseph Dudley, salary and extras .....	58 50	
Jacob Almonian, wood .....	10 00	
Carl Halsing, wood .....	20 00	
Joseph Saucier, sawing wood .....	3 50	
E. T. Powers, new heater .....	242 00	
M. M. Goodnow Co., repairs on old heater .....	1 78	
Balance on hand .....	5 76	
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	\$787 75	\$787 75

GEORGE H. PICKARD,  
Finance Committee.

## LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

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TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE TAFT PUBLIC LIBRARY:—

The circulation for the year (101 days) was 8,752 volumes. The largest number given out in one day was 165, the smallest 31, the average 87. The circulation by classes was as follows: fiction, 6,953; magazines, 1,270; bound magazines, 39; biography, 39; travel, 11; history, 175; literature, 74; useful and fine arts, 108; science, 31; all others, 52.

There are 6,776 volumes in the library. 148 volumes have been added the past year and 13 volumes have been taken out as they were worn out. 100 were bought by the town and 48 were given, as follows:

H. J. George, 7; Mrs. Bennett, 5; Harold Carlstrom, 2; Secretary of the Commonwealth, 4; Massachusetts Library Commission, 18; Anonymous, 12.

The library subscribes for the American, Asia, Boy's Life, Century, Country Gentleman, Field and Stream, Harper's Monthly, Ladies' Home Journal, Life, Literay Digest, National Geographic, Radio News, Saturday Evening Post, Scribner's, St. Nicholas and Woman's Home Companion. The Library Commission sends the American Boy, Good Housekeeping, Popular Mechanics and the World's Work. The Atlantic Monthly, Farmer's Wife, Dumb Animals, Farm and Garden are given.

\$37.75 was received in fines during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

VERENA R. DALEY,

Librarian.

Mendon, January 1, 1925.

## BOOKS ADDED IN 1924.

## Fiction :—

- Amazing Inheritance. Frances R. Sterrett.  
 Anthony Dare. Archibald Marshall.  
 Are Parents People? Alice D. Miller.  
 Bobbie—General Man. Olive H. Prouty.  
 Butterfly. Kathleen Norris.  
 Call of the Canyon. Zane Grey.  
 Captain Scraggo. Peter B. Kyne.  
 Clinton Twins. Archibald Marshall.  
 Covered Wagon. Emerson Hough.  
 Croatan. Mary Johnston.  
 David Copperfield. Charles Dickens.  
 Dawn of a Tomorrow. F. H. Burnett.  
 Deep in the Hearts of Men. M. E. Waller.  
 Eagle's Wing. B. M. Bower.  
 Enchanted April. M. A. B. Arnim.  
 End of the House of Alard. Sheila Kaye-Smith.  
 Exterior to the Evidence. J. S. Fletcher.  
 False Dawn. Edith Wharton.  
 Fanny Herself. Edna Ferber.  
 Feathers Left Around. Carolyn Wells.  
 Fifth Wheel. Olive H. Prouty.  
 Flash of Gold. Frances R. Bellamy.  
 Fortunes Fool. Rafael Sabatini.  
 Four Bells. Ralph D. Paine.  
 Four Stragglers. Frank L. Packard.  
 Happy Isles. Basil King.  
 Heirs Apparent. Phillip Gibbs.  
 Hidden Road. Elsie Singmaster.  
 His Children's Children. Arthur Train.  
 Honourable Jim. Baroness Orczy.  
 House of Mohun. George Gibbs.  
 J. Poindexter, Colored. Irvin S. Cobb.  
 Judith of Godless Valley. Honore Willsie.



- Keeban. Edwin Balmer.  
 Lady From the Air. C. N. and A. M. Williamson.  
 Laramie Holds the Range. F. H. Spearman.  
 Law-breakers. Ridgwell Cullum.  
 Light of Western Stars. Zane Grey.  
 Lost Lady. Willa Cather.  
 Luck of the Kid. Ridgwell Cullum.  
 Madam Claire. Susan Ertz.  
 Midlander. Booth Tarkington.  
 Minglestreams Jane Abbott.  
 Mr. Wu. Louisa J. Miln.  
 Money, Love and Kate. E. H. Porter.  
 More Lives Than One. Carolyn Wells.  
 Mystery of Lynne Court. J. S. Fletcher.  
 Mystery of the Sycamore. Carolyn Wells.  
 New Year's Day. Edith Wharton.  
 Nigger of the the Narcissus. Joseph Conrad.  
 Old Blood. Frederick Palmer.  
 Old Maid. Edith Wharton.  
 Paradise Mystery. J. S. Fletcher.  
 Parowan Bonanza. B. M. Bower.  
 Patuffa. Beatrice Harraden  
 Pawned. Frank L. Packard.  
 "Poilu" a Dog of Roulaix. Eleanor Atkinson.  
 Potash and Perlmutter. Montague Glass.  
 Rainbow Trail. Zane Grey.  
 Red Pepper's Patients. Grace S. Richmond.  
 Round the Corner to Gay Street. G. S. Richmond.  
 Rover. Joseph Conrad.  
 Rufus. Grace S. Richmond.  
 Safety Pin. J. S. Fletcher  
 She Blows! and Sparm at That! W. J. Hopkins.  
 Sight Unseen and the Confession. M. R. Rinehart.  
 Silver Moon. E. H. Abbottt.  
 Sir John Dering. Jeffery Farnol.  
 Spark. Edith Wharton.



Storm-center. Burton E. Stevenson.  
 Three Hostages. John Buchan.  
 Three Score and Ten. Amelia E. Barr.  
 Tumbleweeds. Hal G. Evarts.  
 Tutt and Mr. Tutt. Arthur Train.  
 Twins of Suffering Creek. R. Cullum.  
 Wild Horses. Henry H. Knibbs.  
 Wind Between the Worlds. Alice Brown.  
 Woman Who Toils. Marie & Mrs. J. Van Vorst.  
 Youth Triumphant. George Gibbs.

Juveniles:—

About animals. St. Nicholas.  
 Book of elves and fairies. F. J. Olcott.  
 Boy Scouts at Sea. Arthur A. Carey.  
 Careless Jane. Katharine Pyle.  
 Chico. Lucy M. Blanchard.  
 Dark Frigate. Charles B. Hawes.  
 Davy and the Goblin. Charles E. Carryl.  
 Doctor Dolittle's Post Office. Hugh Lofting.  
 Fairies and Chimneys. Rose Fyleman.  
 Five Little Peppers Grown Up. Margaret Sidney.  
 Great Adventures of Mrs. Santa Claus. Sarah Addington.  
 Jack Among the Indians. G. B. Grinnell.  
 Jack Gregory. Warren L. Goss.  
 Jimmie. Ernest H. Baynes.  
 Lad: A Dog. Albert P. Terhune.  
 Little Maid of Virginia. Alice T. Curtis.  
 Magic for Amateurs. W. H. Radcliffe.  
 Magic Forest. Stewart E. White.  
 Mouse Story. K. H. With.  
 Patriotism and the Flag.  
 Pelham and His Friend Tim. Allen French.  
 Pied Piper of Hamelin. Robert Browning.  
 Polly Oliver's Problem. Kate D. Wiggin.  
 Pool of Stars. Cornelia Meigo.

Quest of the Western World. Francis Rolt-Wheeler.  
 Rainbow Cat. Rose Fyleman.  
 Rhymes of Childhood. James W. Riley.  
 Sailing Alone Around the World. Captain J. Slocum.  
 Secret Play. Ralph H. Barbour.  
 Shoe-Maker's Apron. Parker Fillmore.  
 Silver Bear. Edna A. Brown.  
 Silver Shoal Light. Edith B. Price.  
 Spirit of '61. A. S. and H. W. Dickinson.  
 Treasury of Plays for Children. M. J. Moses.  
 When Polly was Eighteen. Emma C. Dowd.  
 Wind in the Willows. Kenneth Grahame.  
 Young Lion Hunter. Zane Grey.  
 Zone Policeman 88. Harry A. Franck.

Non-Fiction:—

Book of Boston. Robert Shackleton.  
 Children of Loneliness. Anzia Yezierska.  
 Destiny of Man. John Fiske.  
 From Immigrant to Inventor. Michael Pupin.  
 Gloucester; Vital Records. 2 volumes.  
 —History of the Studebaker Corporation. Albert R. Erskine.  
 —History of the Town of Douglas. W. A. Emerson.  
 Idea of God. John Fiske.  
 —Illustrated History of the Holy Bible. John Kitto.  
 Jew and civilization. Ada Sterling.  
 Job of Being a Dad. Frank H. Cheley.  
 Life After Death. Emanuel Swedenborg.  
 —Life of Christ. Giovanni Papini.  
 Lithuania. A. M. Benedictsen.  
 Massachusetts Beautiful. Wallace Nutting.  
 Mind in the Making. J. H. Robinson.  
 My Garden of Memory. Kate D. Wiggin.  
 National Geographic. Volumes 43 and 44.  
 People's Corporation. K. C. Gillette.

- Personal Relation in Industry. John D. Rockefeller, Jr.  
President Coolidge. Edward E. Whiting.  
Report of American Committee for Relief in Ireland.  
St. Nicholas. Volume 50.  
Salem. Vital Records. Volumes III and IV.  
Three Generations. Maud H. Elliott.  
Through Nature to God. John Fiske.  
Tragedy of Hungary. Louis K. Birinyi.  
Wild Life on the Rockies. Enos A. Mills.

## AUDITOR'S REPORT.

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This is to certify that as Auditor for the Town of Mendon for the fiscal year ending December 31, 1924, I have examined the books of all of the Town Officers and find them correct.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD E. CHAPMAN,

Auditor.

Mendon, Mass., Feb. 8, 1925.

REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF MENDON

FOR THE

SCHOOL YEAR 1924

ORGANIZATION OF  
SCHOOL COMMITTEE, 1924.

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GEORGE H. PICKARD, Chairman	Term expires 1925.
ROY A. BARROWS, Secretary,	Term expires 1926.
MRS. ANNA COFFIN,	Term expires 1927.

SUPERINTENDENT.

CARROLL H. DROWN.

TRUANT OFFICER.

JACOB R. BROWN.

SCHOOL NURSE.

MARY L. WILSON.

SCHOOL PHYSICIAN.

DR. K. A. CAMPBELL.

# REPORT OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

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## FINANCIAL REPORT.

### RESOURCES.

Appropriation for Current School Expenses .....	\$14,000 00	
Appropriation for School Physician ...	50 00	
Appropriation for School Nurse .....	200 00	
From County Treasurer, Dog Tax ....	351 39	
Total .....		\$14,601 39
Total amount expended (including \$9.47 paid for Insurance) .....		14,580 34
		<hr/>
*Balance .....		\$21 05

### REIMBURSEMENTS.

From General School Fund, Part 1....	\$1,090 00	
From General School Fund, Part 2....	2,567 11	
For Superintendent's Salary .....	500 00	
For Superintendent's Travelling Expense	80 00	
For High School Grant .....	512 50	
For Tuition from State .....	730 67	
For Tuition from City of Boston ....	117 08	
Total .....		\$5,597 36

\*Account of Tuition for Vocational School is given at the close of this Financial Report.

## RECONCILIATION.

Resources .....		\$14,601 39
Reimbursements .....	\$5,597 36	
Balance .....	21 05	
	<hr/>	5,618 41
Net Cost of the Schools to the Town ..		<hr/> \$8,982 98

## EXPENDITURES.

Teachers .....	\$9,050 67	
Superintendent .....	1,039 15	
Wm. H. Jordan (Clerk) .....	25 50	
Transportation .....	1,186 00	
Fuel .....	980 79	
Care of Buildings .....	801 92	
Text Books .....	257 48	
Supplies .....	414 28	
Miscellaneous .....	41 53	
Insurance .....	9 47	
Repairs .....	436 86	
Committee Expense .....	20 00	
Health .....	250 00	
Tuition (Millville) .....	50 00	
New Equipment .....	16 69	
Total Expenditures .....	<hr/>	\$14,580 34
Teachers' Salaries .....		9,050 67
Oscar L. Garland .....	\$1,947 50	
Madeline Brown .....	1,218 75	
Albert W. Sampson .....	1,323 75	
Mary A. Monahan .....	735 00	
Marguerite Pearson .....	437 55	
Alice Ritz .....	1,167 00	
Lillian Martin .....	1,008 00	
Jessie Hitchcock .....	945 00	
Beulah Thompson .....	268 12	



Text Books .....		\$257 48
World Book Co. ....	\$19 35	
Benj. Sanborn .....	1 01	
D. C. Heath .....	31 65	
Lyons & Carnahan .....	9 86	
American Book Co. ....	5 30	
McMillan Co. ....	30 24	
Silver Burdett .....	29 47	
Laidlow Co. ....	5 20	
Rand, McNally & Co. ....	22 53	
Little, Brown & Co. ....	17 74	
Standard Book Co. ....	8 52	
J. B. Lippencott .....	7 61	
J. L. Hammett .....	1 31	
Iroquois Publishing Co. ....	7 76	
Scott, Foresman Co. ....	2 08	
E. E. Babb & Co. ....	1 93	
Allyn & Bacon .....	19 56	
C. C. Birchard .....	31 74	
C. H. Drown, express on books .....	3 00	
Hinds, Haydn & Eldredge .....	1 62	
Supplies .....		\$414 28
Dowling School Supply .....	\$19 50	
J. L. Hammett .....	144 03	
Oliver Ditson Co. ....	5 65	
World Book Co. ....	2 36	
L. E. Knott Apparatus Co. ....	81 26	
E. E. Babb & Co. ....	7 16	
Mass. State Prison (Boston) .....	10 33	
Arthur P. Schmidt .....	2 58	
Ginn & Co. ....	2 84	
C. H. Drown .....	16 28	
Oval & Koster .....	15 25	
Harris & Gilpatrick .....	4 40	
Avery & Woodbury .....	48 10	
Ryan & Buker .....	7 44	

Charlescraft Press.....	3 75	
Town of Hopedale, School Dept. ...	7 43	
Silver Burdett & Co. ....	6 74	
Reformatory for Women .....	8 48	
Hinds, Haydn & Eldredge .....	2 80	
H. C. Forbes .....	3 50	
H. S Chadbourne .....	3 30	
Oscar Stonequist .....	2 00	
Kenney Bros. & Wolkins .....	9 10	
Care of Buildings .....		\$801 92
Jacob Brown .....	\$616 00	
Sumner Allen .....	90 00	
Minnie Thayer .....	90 00	
Mrs. Benj. Peterson .....	5 92	
Fuel .....		\$980 79
Frank Wood .....	\$8 00	
L. F. Thayer & Son .....	21 00	
E. E. Chapman .....	31 50	
C. A. Fletcher .....	18 00	
Alfred Autty .....	4 50	
H. M. Curtiss Coal Co. ....	897 79	
Miscellaneous .....		\$41 53
Geo. E. Thayer .....	\$3 00	
Town of Hopedale .....	3 78	
Worcester Sub. Electric Co. ....	9 25	
J. C. Purcell .....	15 00	
L. F. Perry .....	1 50	
H. C. Forbes .....	7 00	
Jos. Dudley .....	2 00	
H. J. George (Insurance) .....		\$9 47
Repairs .....		\$436 86
H. S. Chadbourne .....	\$5 15	
E. G. Bowers .....	2 35	
Sumner Allen .....	1 25	
F. C. Townsend .....	312 61	
W. G. Fiske .....	92 50	
Jacob Brown .....	23 00	

Health .....		\$250 00
District Nursing Association .....	200 00	
Dr. K. A. Campbell .....	50 00	
Transportation .....		\$1,186 00
M. & U. St. Ry. Co. ....	\$250 00	
Carl Taft .....	432 00	
J. Frank Leonard .....	504 00	
Tuition, Millville .....		\$50 00
New Equipment, Charles E. Clark ....		16 69
Total Expenditures .....		<hr/> \$14,580 34

#### ACCOUNT OF TUITION FOR VOCATIONAL SCHOOL.

Appropriation .....	\$200 00
Paid Worcester Trade School .....	178 56
Balance on hand .....	<hr/> \$21 44

Respectfully Submitted,

GEORGE H. PICKARD, Chairman  
 ROY A. BARROWS, Secretary,  
 ANNA COFFIN,

School Committee.

# SCHOOL DIRECTORY.

## SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

George H. Pickard, Chairman .....	Term expires 1925
Roy A. Barrows, Secretary .....	Term expires 1926
Mrs. Anna Coffin .....	Term expires 1927

## TEACHERS.

### CENTER BUILDING.

Years Service in Town 46

Preparation  
N. H. State College Third

Local Address

Grade

Oscar Garland, Prin. Mendon

Mendon

Madeleine Brown

High-Science  
Math., U. S. Hist.  
Eng., Language

History

VI, VII, VIII

III, IV, V

I, II

Mendon  
Milford  
Mendon

Albert Sampson

Marguerite Pearson

Alice Ritz

Holyoke  
Leviat Institute  
Worcester Normal  
Framingham Normal Fourth

### ALBEEVILLE BUILDING.

Worcester Normal Second

Mendon

Jessie Hitchcock

I-VIII

## EAST MENDON BUILDING.

Lillian Martin

Hopedale

Framingham Normal Third

## MUSIC SUPERVISOR.

Beulah C. Thompson Milford, 19 Church N. E. Conservatory Fourth  
Street

## SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS.

Mrs. Raymond Daley Mendon

## SCHOOL PHYSICIAN.

Dr. K. A. Campbell Hopedale

Tel Milford 102

## SCHOOL NURSE.

Mary L. Wilson

Milford

Tel. Milford 862

## SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

Carroll H. Drown

Hopedale

Tel., Office

Milford 904

Residence

Milford 802-J

# JANITORS.

Tel., Milford 374-5

Center Building  
Albeeville  
East Mendon

Jacob Brown  
Sumner Allen  
Mrs. Minnie Thayer  
Mendon  
Mendon  
So. Milford

# BARGE DRIVERS.

North Route  
East Route

Carl M. Taft  
J. Frank Leonard  
Mendon  
Milford, R. F. D.

# EMPLOYMENT AND EDUCATIONAL CERTIFICATES GRANTED AT

Office of Supt. of Schools, Hopedale, on School Days—8.00 A. M. to 5.00 P. M.  
Regular meetings of the School Committee are held in the School Building on the first Monday of each month  
at 7.15 P. M.

SCHOOL CALENDAR.

1925.

ELEMENTARY GRADES.

WINTER TERM.

Opens January 5, Closes March 20. (11 weeks.)

Vacation Two Weeks.

SPRING TERM.

Opens April 6, Closes June 12. (10 weeks.)

Summer Vacation.

FALL TERM.

Opens September 8, Closes December 18. (15 weeks.)

1926.

WINTER TERM.

Opens January 4, Closes March 19. (11 weeks.)

HIGH SCHOOL.

1925.

WINTER TERM.

Opens December 29, 1924, Closes March 27, 1925. (13 weeks.)

Vacation One Week.

SPRING TERM.

Opens April 6, Closes June 19. (11 weeks.)

## FALL TERM.

Opens September 8, Closes December 18. (15 weeks.)

Vacation One Week.

1926.

## WINTER TERM.

Opens December 28, 1925, Closes March 26, 1926. (13 weeks.)

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LEGAL HOLIDAYS.

Labor Day, Columbus Day, Thanksgiving Day, January 1, February 22, April 19 and May 30. There will be no session of schools on the Friday following Thanksgiving Day. When a holiday comes on Sunday the following Monday becomes a holiday.

The town cannot have any "No School Signal." Schools will not be closed on account of weather unless it is practically impossible or unreasonable for children to attend. When parents feel that it is unwise for their children to go to school, they are advised to keep them at home. On all other days children must attend school as required by law.

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IMPORTANT REGULATIONS.

A regulation of the School Department is that no child can enter school for the first time unless such child shall become six years of age on or before January 1, of the year following the fall term when he wishes to enter school. (For entrance to



school this coming fall term a child must be six years of age on or before January 1, 1926.)

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### ATTENDANCE LAWS.

Every child from seven to fourteen years of age unless he is physically or mentally unfit, and until he is sixteen years of age unless he has completed the sixth grade, shall attend school all the time it is in session. Every child from fourteen to sixteen years of age shall attend school unless such child has received an employment certificate and is regularly employed according to law for at least six hours per day.

If a child fails to attend school according to law for seven day sessions or fourteen half day sessions the child shall be considered an habitual truant and may be sent to a truant school.

If a parent or guardian fails to cause the child under his charge to attend school according to law he shall be fined not over twenty dollars for each offence.

## SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

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TO THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE AND CITIZENS OF MENDON :—

I herewith submit my sixth Annual School Report, it being the thirty-first Annual Report of the Superintendent of Mendon Schools.

With the thought of a school report comes the one important question: What have the schools done during the year?

News items and reports usually mention the unusual and spectacular events. Readers today do not care for the commonplace, however good it may be.

The erection of new buildings, the adoption of new school policies, introduction of new departments and various changes in schools and the plans of their operation furnish items for mention and discussion in a school report. However, words fail to show a true report and the true significance of the influence of the daily routine of the school room. The daily contact of pupils and teachers is most important. Characters are formed and destinies made.

It has been well said by the Worcester First Grade Teachers' Club in their "Statement of Purpose," that the duty of the teacher is not only to teach the child but to learn him, which means that the teacher should know the child.

Education is the means of encouraging and making true growth. The process of education may be carried on by various methods under varied conditions.

Education must be fitted to the needs of the individual and the times. All pupils should acquire the tools necessary for life's training, among which are Reading, Writing, Simple Figuring, etc. These tools are needed for the use they serve in life; but, far more important is the training for right habits, habits of health,

habits of work and the moral and spiritual habits of true living. The young today need a thorough training in the practical things of life, and in co-operation and team work as citizens. They must learn to overcome to an extent the tendency to selfishness, and to live for the welfare of their fellow beings and to pull together for the common good.

We have nothing very new or spectacular to report of our schools this past year. In the more unnoticeable work of mastering the essential tools and in the forming of right habits, much has been accomplished.

A thorough training in the essentials, inspiration for the best in everything and to inculcate a desire to work for the common welfare have been our aims and ideals. I am pleased to report to you, the School Committee, and to the people of this town, that good results have been obtained in striving for this goal. A discussion for proof of this is not necessary. An inspection of the schools will prove the fact.

Some of the Standardized Tests, and other special tests have been given the schools by the Superintendent. The tabulated results of the tests in Arithmetic, Use of Language, History, Literature, Reading, and Geographical and Human Science given the pupils of the Upper Elementary Grades and of Spelling given in all schools were rather gratifying.

As is usually the case, some natural and common weaknesses were noticeable. Spelling, as ever before, is one of the very troublesome tools in the methods of the art of civilization. In the instruction of this subject more attention is being given to the common words of the used vocabulary, and in more careful pronunciation and a larger consideration to phonics and syllablization.

Inaccuracy and carelessness in thinking and doing are still among the most common sins, and hard to overcome. These defects seem to be marked characteristics of present day life. This condition is a great problem for the schools, and they must constantly train and work for better habits.

The demands upon children for training in the complexity of civilization are large. It means a constant speeding up in the

school work as well as in all of life in general. It is sometimes a wonder that the child-mind can stand up under the burden, but this spirit has become an epidemic the whole country over. This condition encourages and rather forces inaccuracy and carelessness.

It seems that this process of "speeding-up" must be kept going in schools, for something about many things must be learned, and some things should be quite well mastered.

Those who are guiding the policies and work of schools must constantly struggle with the problem of what the schools must attempt to teach and what can be better omitted.

Theoristic promoters of all sorts of fanciful and interesting schemes, and reformers of all kinds are constantly sending forth something that may be done, and they feel that school children are just the right victims who should try out the operation of their fruitful ideas. It is imperative that a halt be called in what the schools attempt to do in order that some lesser number of things may be done better.

This condition exists in even a larger degree outside of school. How numerous are the attractions and activities for children today, many of these are not beneficial or worth while. If parents could see to it that children give less time and attention to the many distractions from the useful in life, better work could be done in school and a stronger education be received.

Some topics of learning receiving attention elsewhere are not taken up in the schools of our town, yet most of the common important branches are found in the curriculum of the Mendon schools.

The following are some things which need more consideration in our schools:

1. Instruction in practical hand work, commonly called Manual Training.
2. Special instruction in the science of Home Keeping.
3. Special training in the Art of Handwriting.
4. Appreciation of Music, and the best Literature and Art.
5. Carefulness in spoken language.

6. Appreciation of and faith in our Government, and a stronger desire for obedience to law.
7. Thrift in saving of money, saving of time, and right use of property, especially public property as supplies for schools, etc.

Conditions and lack of equipment and instructors prevent instruction being given in the first two named above. We are endeavoring to give more attention to the others.

As has been reported before, the children of the Mendon schools do not have the advantage of special instruction in Drawing—free hand and mechanical,—Manual Training, Domestic Science or other Domestic Arts which children of the larger number of towns and cities of the State have. On account of the cost of equipment and maintenance, it is not possible for some small towns to provide these advantages. Provision might be made for some of these.

Drawing, especially free-hand drawing, is most valuable training. It trains observation, accuracy, and power of representation, and is one of the best means of cultivating that very useful human faculty—imagination. Art appreciation encourages appreciation of the beautiful. Art has been fostered and cultivated since civilization began, and even the savages sought Art so far as they knew it.

Drawing is being taught by our teachers to some extent, but much more could be done under the guidance of a Drawing Supervisor. We urge that an appropriation be made at the next town meeting for a Drawing Instructor. This might well be tried, and to the great advantage of the schools. It has been several years since the schools had a drawing supervisor.

The school calendar shows that there has been but one change in our teaching staff during the past calendar year. Permanency in the personnel of the workers of an organization makes for better results.

No human being reaches the highest ideal of everyone. Teachers are a part of the human family. If a teacher should be perfect in the opinion of one, she must surely fail to be the ideal

of another whose opinion is different. Even the Greatest Teacher and Master of all times of Christian ages did not satisfy everyone.

Successful teaching of groups of children requires much wisdom and tact; and dealing with human beings, especially those who are out of reach of the teacher's voice and influence, requires much more skill and ability.

The person who is qualified to give unfavorable criticism of an act is one who possesses definite knowledge of the action, and is fully capable of demonstrating how it may be better performed. Many are prone to criticise schools where their knowledge of the circumstances and conditions are not sufficient to make a true judgment.

Judging from the work of many other schools and teachers it is our estimate that the Town of Mendon is fortunate in having as leaders of its school children teachers who are worthy in character and conduct, qualified in ability and training, deeply interested in their work, and loyally devoted to the welfare of their pupils. Mistakes are made, and some would be made if their places were filled by others.

Our schools are not "show" schools. Likely the townspeople do not wish them to be such, but in the work of teaching the common branches, we are confident that the Mendon schools measure very favorably.

The Albeeville school is especially fortunate in having a teacher so capable, so loyally interested in the good of the school, and so truly and contentedly identified with the welfare of the community as Miss Hitchcock, and especially because she was willing to give her best service the second year.

This is especially mentioned not with any intent of failing to recognize credit due other teachers, but because it is usually so difficult in these times to secure such a teacher to go back into what many call the lonely country, and be so happy and work so faithfully for the children.

It is very gratifying that the School Committee and the supporters of our schools in town have shown their appreciation of



their teachers' earnest efforts by making salaries commensurate for holding capable teachers and thus prevent the constant breaking and interruption of good school work by frequent changes in teachers.

It will be noted from the statemnt of "Expenses" that there has been but very little cost for books in the High School this past year. More will be needed next year as many of the books are badly worn. The cost for books for all schools was not large. New books will be constantly needed, as the life of books is short because of the hard usage they receive. Thrift, economy and careful use of public property is something that American children and youth have not fully learned yet. We are constantly trying to teach this lesson in the schools.

Our effort to raise the scholastic standard of the schools, though disconcerting to some, is proving wise and effective. This is the fixing of a definite minimum standard of daily and special test ranks for promotion to High School. This will continue to prove more effective if the policy is adhered to.

A class of ten was graduated from the Eighth grade, and held a very pleasing graduation at the close of school in June. Each graduate had attained the required rank and the few who failed and are in school this year are doing well and find the year review very profitable.

The good preparation of the pupils entering Senior High School is having a beneficial effect upon the school.

The spirit of the High School is pleasing. The attitude toward study and good work is much improved, hence the scholastic attainment is higher and the general character and tone of the school are better. This condition should surely be pleasing to the town, and is especially so to those directly connected with the school.

A graduation of a good-sized class was held last June. Under that inspiring influence in the attractive old colonial church building the occasion was indeed beautiful.

The class of 1924 took the educational and delightful trip to the Capitol City of our nation last spring.

Not much has been expended in repairs made on the school buildings this past year. A few minor necessary repairs were made on the Albeeville and East Mendon buildings. A storm protection was put near the steps of the North entrance of the Center Building.

Storm windows which have long been needed, have been put on the windows of the northwest rooms of the Center Building. These will help greatly in making the rooms comfortable in windy weather, and be a great saving of fuel. It is now possible to heat the lower north room in all weather. It will never be possible to properly heat the High School main room until farther repairs are made on the building. On severe, cold and windy days, much cold air comes in around the window casings and especially around the blackboards.

There is one question of repairs of the buildings which must have attention this coming season. All buildings need outside painting, especially the Center Building. This need can be easily seen by all who look at the buildings.

We advise and urge that a special appropriation be made for painting the Center School Building, two or three coats as may be necessary, this coming summer vacation.

Also, the seats and desks in the East Building are in a *very bad* condition. They should be smoothed down and varnished this next summer. An appropriation should be made for this.

This proposed plan for appropriation for these repairs has the full approval of the School Committee as well as the Superintendent of Schools. We feel certain that the tax payers will appreciate this need and make the necessary appropriation.

There have been some complaints about minor disturbances by pupils about the school halls and grounds. A great effort is being made to see that the children are looked after during the recess and noon periods. A teacher is on the grounds all the recess periods. The noon hour is a problem in the country schools. There has been opposition to shortening the noon hour with the argument that pupils wish to go home for dinner. We all know that warm dinners are beneficial. We urge that as



many pupils as possible go home for dinners. This will tend to relieve the congestion in the building at noon.

A little training has been given in music appreciation and art picture appreciation. There are a few pictures on the walls of the school rooms, but more are needed. We have advocated a school entertainment by which funds may be raised for this purpose. Pictures in a school room are most impressive and have a large influence on character.

At the last meeting of the joint committee of this Union School District, Mendon's proportion of the Superintendent's salary was decreased. The committee felt this change would be just as the number of pupils and teachers in the other towns has considerably increased during the past few years. Mendon now pays one fifth of the Superintendent's salary instead of three tenths as before.

Several teacher's meetings have been held; and the teachers have also united with the teachers in Hopedale at other meetings. At these meetings lectures are given or discussions of educational problems and methods are held.

The attitude of the school children is commendable. There seems to be a good spirit of comradeship among teachers and pupils. The larger part of the pupils are showing a desire for good school work, and are making an effort to help make our schools a success.

It is a fact that schools cannot meet all the obligations placed upon them in this present age. The most important duty and opportunity of schools is teaching the essentials in character building. This is indeed a heavy task, because of the counteracting influences of education outside of school. The present sentiment of allowing the young so much freedom of action is detrimental to highest morals and best character building. This sentiment that one should do as his wishes dictate make the sterner regulations of those who are guiding toward the best in life seem very irksome and unpleasant to the untrained and inexperienced child and youth. On account of the present day conditions of our strenuous life, the home, in many cases, is failing

to do what it should do and can do better than any other in character building.

We are striving in our schools to encourage best thought, to train right habits and inspire highest ideals. Our teachers are devoted to their work and concerned for the highest welfare of their pupils. This making citizens is a great, important, and serious work, and the co-operation of parents and all other educational agencies is essential.

As has been reported before, the Mendon School Committee has exerted its best efforts in judicious expenditure of the school appropriation in order that the greatest possible results may be obtained from every dollar expended. In order that the present work of the schools may be carried on next year the same amount of appropriation as last year is necessary.

We are appreciative of and grateful to our School Committee, parents and all for their loyal support and willing co-operative assistance. We solicit your continued interest and help.

Respectfully submitted,

CARROLL H. DROWN.

## REPORT OF HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL.

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MR. CARROLL H. DROWN, SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS:—

I herewith submit my third annual report as Principal of Mendon High School.

The school opened the second of September which was one week earlier than the date of opening last year. I believe that it is advisable to begin the school year early which will mean an earlier closing date in June. If the school year continues until the latter part of June we find that the interest in school work on the part of the pupils, considerably lessens. Since our high school year lasts for forty weeks the hot weather at the first of the year is not so detrimental to school work as it is at the end of the year following a long period of close application to school requirements.

New grammars have been added in the three French courses, also new texts in second year Latin, chemistry, and advanced mathematics. In addition we have procured new laboratory equipment for both physics and chemistry all of which was very much needed since our laboratory facilities are rather inadequate.

I stated in my report of last year that I thought that the attitude toward school work was improving and I feel that a much greater improvement has been made during the past year. This is particularly noticeable in the two upper classes. The increased interest in academic work has stimulated in several of the pupils a desire to continue in their education after their graduation from high school.

The trip to Washington, in which the graduating class of last year participated, was very profitable from the point of view of education, as well as of enjoyment. I firmly believe that the trip,

although it necessitates a great amount of hard work, and the expenditure of no little energy on the part of the class, more than makes up in the education gained thereby for any other losses it may incur.

The school board has made a very decided improvement by the addition of storm windows to the northwest side of the building, and this has been a great help during the cold weather in the problem of heating.

The Principal solicits co-operation on the part of the parents and is glad to receive at any time any visitors who desire to attend the school session. He wishes to thank the superintendent, teachers, school board, parents and pupils for their support.

Respectfully submitted,

OSCAR L. GARLAND,

Principal.

## REPORT OF SCHOOL NURSE.

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MR. CARROLL H. DROWN, SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS:—

I herewith submit the Annual Report of School Nursing for the year ending December 31, 1924.

Dr. Campbell found the following numbers of defects in pupils at the Center, East Mendon and Albeeville Schools.

Dental .....	38
Enlarged or diseased tonsils .....	16
Adenoids .....	4
Anemia .....	3
Glands, enlarged .....	4
Lordosis .....	1
Inflamed Eyelids .....	1
Post-nasal Catarrh .....	2

The defects corrected are:—

Dental .....	27
Tonsils .....	3
Glasses obtained .....	4

The Center School has been visited once a week, East Mendon and Albeeville on alternate weeks, when schools were in session.

The number of corrections is small considering the number of home calls made to urge this matter. Many parents consult their family physician after receiving a notice and some treatment or care is given even though the defect is not wholly eliminated. Considerable dental work needs to be done. This, of course, is expensive of time and money as all has to be done out of town.

At the Center school the children are weighed twice a year. Those 7 per cent. or more under normal are reweighed once a month. When taken in small groups as a class the children show considerable interest in their gain, and various means are used to stimulate hygiene habits of living to help this condition.

All the children are inspected occasionally as to the condition of the hair, teeth, hands and skin. Home calls are made when necessary. The teachers have been very co-operative in having daily health inspections in their rooms. It does little or no good to talk to the children about personal cleanliness if we do not help them to form the habits necessary to attain this condition. For instance, the grammar school pupils keep a daily record of the number who have brushed their teeth and each week compute the per cent. of their respective grades. The pupils of the eighth grade have so far excelled.

I would like to thank the School Committee, Superintendent of Schools and teachers for their continued interest.

Respectfully.

MARY L. WILSON, R. N.

School Nurse.

## REPORT OF SUPERVISOR OF MUSIC.

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MR. CARROLL H. DROWN, SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS,

MY DEAR MR. DROWN :—

I herewith submit my annual report as Supervisor of Music in the Mendon Public Schols.

The work of the school year 1924-1925 started smoothly and is continuing with good success for the most part. This is due largely to the continuation of the same methods and teaching force. The children have been taught rote songs, unison songs, and the singing of simple songs at sight. In the seventh and eighth grades the boys are taught to read from the bass clef, thus preparing them for four part work in High School.

We have a new book of Choruses in the High School, for which we are very grateful. They create more enthusiasm and thus the singing is made better.

This year we are trying to do more in the way of music appreciation so that in this day of "Jazz" the young people may come to realize something finer and more lasting in music. We are handicapped in the work, however, by lack of suitable records and by purchasing a few each year there would soon be an ample supply.

I wish at this time to thank the teachers for their hearty co-operation, and the Superintendent for his splendid support.

Respectfully submitted,

BEULAH THOMPSON.



Commencement Exercises of the  
MENDON HIGH SCHOOL

*At the Unitarian Church*

Thursday Evening, June 26, 1924.

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PROGRAMME.

Processional

Miss Beulah Thompson.

Invocation

Rev. Roy B. Wintersteen.

Song, Fiddle and I

Salutatory and Essay—Daniel Webtser, the Orator  
Donald B. Lowell.

Essay—The History of the Automobile  
Charles H. Jewett.

Song—When the Foeman Bares His Steel

Essay—Our Trip to the Nation's Capitol  
Edward T. Whiting.

Song—Comrades of the Road



Valedictory and Essay—Massachusetts and Its Position in the  
Growth of Our Nation

Charlotte E. Marlow.

Song, Sons of the Living Morning

Address

Rev. John N. Mark.

Presentation of Diplomas

George H. Pickard,  
Chairman of the School Committee.

Recessional

Miss Beulah Thompson.

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Class Motto—Not Evening But Dawn.

Class Colors—Green and Gold.

Class Flowers—White Rose.

### CLASS ROLL.

Charlotte Etta Marlow

Donald Bennett Lowell

Edward Taft Whiting

Charles Henry Jewett

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O. L. Garland, Principal.

Madeleine Brown, Assistant.

## EIGHTH GRADE GRADUATION EXERCISES

*Town Hall, Mendon*

Thursday, June 12, 1924, 2 O'Clock P. M.

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### PROGRAM

Music—Processional

Invocation

Rev. Wintersteen.

Welcome

Anna Hoberg.

Essay—Electricity

Clayton Brown.

Essay—Education

Olive Rodgers.

Song—Merry June

School.

Essay—President Coolidge

Robert Taft.

Essay—The Moving Picture Industry

Clara Grant.

Piano Solo

Marjory Brown.

Essay—Transportation

Silas Dudley.

Essay—Education

Russell Perron.

Song—Water Lillies

School.

Essay—Health

Anna Hoberg.

Essay—Rocky Mountain Wonderland

Arthur Johnson.

Duett—Song, Springtime Bells

East School.

Essay—Washington Irving

Catherine Jewett:

Essay and Valedictory

Edith Davenport.

Presentation of Diplomas

Mr. Barrows, School Committee.

Song—Our Festal Day

Class.

Benediction

Rev. Wintersteen.



# GRADUATES.

Anna Hoberg

Olive Rodgers

Clara Grant

Russell Perron

Catherine Jewett

Clayton Brown

Robert Taft

Silas Dudley

Arthur Johnson

Edith Davenport

# MEMORIAL DAY EXERCISES

Mendon Schools, May 29, 1924.

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Salute to the Flag

All Schools.

Star Spangled Banner

All Schools.

Prayer

Rev. Mr. Deming.

Song—Stars and Stripes Forever

High School.

Recitation

Roger Sparhawk.

Song—Memorial Day

Members of the Grammar School.

Gettysburg Address

Donald Lowell.

Song—America's Marching Song

Intermediate School.

Recitation

Marion Bouchard.

Song—Tenting Tonight

High School.

Song—Memorial Day

Four Boys—Primary School.

Recitation

Francis DeWolfe.

Song—Columbia the Gem of the Ocean

All Schools.

Recitation—Decoration Day

Four Girls—Intermediate School.

Recitation

Louise Davenport.

Song—Soldier Boys

Primary School.

Song—Memorial Day

Third Grade.

Recitation

Joseph Taylor.

Recitation

Two Boys—Intermediate School.

Song—Marching Proudly

Second Grade.

Recitation—Sleep Soldiers Sleep

Intermediate School.

Song—Strew With Fairest Flowers

Fifth Grade Girls.

Song—America the Beautiful

All Schools.

Remarks

Mr. Gaskill.

Address

Rev. Mr. Deming, Pastor of the Union Church Hopedale.

America

All.

Benediction

Rev. Mr. Deming.

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WHERE THE DOLLAR OF THE MENDON SCHOOL  
APPROPRIATION WENT IN 1924.

Teachers' Salaries .....	.621
Miscellaneous and others .....	.011
Health .....	.017
Text Books .....	.017
Supplies .....	.028
Repairs .....	.029
Care of Buildings .....	.055
Fuel .....	.067
Administration .....	.074
Transportation .....	.081

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REPORT OF SIGHT AND HEARING TESTS.

DECEMBER, 1924.

Number of pupils examined .....	184
Number found defective in eyesight .....	15
Number found defective in hearing .....	0
Number parents notified .....	15

ENROLLMENT BY GRADES JANUARY 1, 1925  
AND BY AGES APRIL 1, 1925.

Ages	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	Tot.
<b>BOYS</b>															
Grades															
I		6	5	2		1									14
II		1	6	4	1										12
III			2	4	1	1	1								9
IV				2	3	3									8
V					3	4		1	2	1					10
VI					1	4	1	1	2		1				9
VII							4	1	4			1			10
VIII							1								8
Elementary Totals		7	13	12	9	13	8	9	7	1	1				80
High															
IX									3	1					4
X										2	2				4
XI											3				3
XII												1		1	2
Totals for High									3	3	5	2		1	14
Total Boys		7	13	12	9	13	8	9	10	4	6	2		1	94
<b>GIRLS</b>															
Grades															
I	2	2	3		1										8
II			3												5
III		1	1	2	1		1								6
IV				6	5	1									12
V					8	4	2	2							16
VI					1	3	3		1						8
VII						1	2	4	1	1					8
VIII							3	1	3	4					11
Elementary Totals	2	3	7	9	17	9	11	7	4	5					74
High															
IX									3	1					5
X									1	2			1		4
XI											3				3
XII															
Totals for High									4	3	4	1			12
Total Girls	2	3	7	9	17	9	11	7	9	7	4	1			86
Grand Totals	2	10	20	21	26	22	19	16	19	11	10	3		1	180

Numbers appearing in heavy type are ranked as normal.



# ATTENDANCE STATISTICS FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR 1923-1924.

Schools	Total Enrollment		Non-Resident	Aggregate Attendance	Average Daily Attendance	Average Membership	Total No. of Pupils Not Enrolled in Any Other Town in State		No. of Pupils 5 to 7 Years of Age	No. of Pupils 7 to 14 Years of Age	No. of Pupils 14 to 16 Years of Age	No. of Pupils Over 16 Years of Age	No. of Pupils Having Perfect Attendance	Per Cent of Attendance		
	Boys	Girls					Boys	Girls								
High Centre Grades 6, 7, 8 Grades 3, 4, 5 Grades 1, 2 East Mendon Grades 1 to 8 Albeeville Grades 1 to 8	28	17	11	0	4669	24.70	26.22	28	17	11	0	1	15	12	1	94.20
	47	24	23	2	7285.5	42.48	45.35	45	23	22	0	32	13	0	2	93.64
	47	14	33	9	6597	38.06	41.07	44	12	32	0	44	0	0	0	92.67
	34	23	11	3	4744.5	27.82	30.43	32	21	11	11	21	0	0	2	91.42
	32	20	12	4	3711.5	21.70	24.00	27	19	8	3	23	1	0	0	90.40
	27	12	15	0	3801	22.22	24.49	26	12	14	0	22	3	1	0	90.66
Total	215	110	105	18	30808.5	176.98	191.56	202	104	98	14	143	32	13	5	92.38

# TOWN WARRANT

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*Worcester, ss.*

To the Constable of the Town of Mendon in the County of  
Worcester, Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Mendon, qualified to vote in Elections and in Town Affairs, to meet at the Town Hall, in said Mendon, on the second day of March, 1925, punctually, at 9 o'clock, A. M., to act on the following articles, viz.:

Article 1. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

Article 2. To bring in their ballots for the following officers: A Town Clerk for 1 year; three Selectmen for 1 year; one Assessor for 3 years; three Overseers of the Poor for 1 year; Town Treasurer for 1 year; Collector of Taxes for 1 year; Auditor for 1 year; one Constable for 1 year; Tree Warden for 1 year; one Trustee of Taft Public Library for 2 years; one School Committee for 3 years; one Park Commissioner for 3 years; also to bring in their votes "Yes" or "No" in answer to the question: "Shall license be granted for the sale of certain non-intoxicating beverages in this town?" All on one ballot designating the office intended for each person voted for.

Article 3. To hear the reports of the several town officers and committees, and act thereon.

Article 4. To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year.

Article 5. To raise such sums as are necessary to pay town charges and make appropriations for same.

Article 6. To determine when all taxes for the year 1925 shall become due and payable, the time from which interest on unpaid taxes of said year shall be charged, and the compensation of the Collector of Taxes for the year ensuing.

Article 7. To see if the Town will authorize its Treasurer to hire money, and to what amount, to pay current expenses for the financial year commencing January 1, 1925, in anticipation of revenue.

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate any sum of money for Memorial Day services, and appoint a committee to expend the same.

Article 9. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate any sum of money for care and improvement in the Old Cemetery or take any action in relation to the same.

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate any sum of money for the improvement and repair of highways to be expended under direction of Massachusetts Highway Commission as provided by Chapter 81 of the General Acts of 1921 or take any action in relation thereto.

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate any sum of money to be expended on the Highways provided the State and County will contribute for the same.

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$200 to pay for the services of a School Nurse or take any action in relation thereto.

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50 to pay for the services of the School Physician, or take any action in relation thereto.

Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$525 for the purpose of painting the Center School building, or take any action in relation thereto.

Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to establish the salary of any Town Officers.

Article 16. To see if the Town will vote to buy any fire apparatus, remodel or dispose of any already on hand, make any alterations of the fire house, raise and appropriate any money therefor, or take any action in relation to the same.

Article 17. To see if the Town will vote to accept Sections 7 and 8 of Chapter 136 of the General Laws of the Commonwealth, relative to the granting of licenses to individuals to keep open their places of business on the Lord's day for the sale of ice cream, confectionery, soda water or fruit.

Article 18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate money for repairing Bates Street Highway and cutting brush, or take any action in relation thereto.

Article 19. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate money for the purpose of installing four more street lights on George street.

Article 20. To see if the Town will vote to install two street lights on Washington street from opposite the house of George Hamant to a point opposite the residence of Ernest Wiggin, raise and appropriate any sum of money therefor or take any action in relation thereto.

Article 21. To see if the Town will vote to install three street lights on Uxbridge street between Lakeside and Nolan's Corner, appropriate any sum of money therefor, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 22. To see if the Town will vote to install four (4) street lights on Thornton street Northerly from Uxbridge street, appropriate any sum of money therefor, or act in any way in relation to the same.

Article 23. To see if the Town will vote to install a street light on Park street near the residence of P. F. Quirk, raise and appropriate any sum of money therefor, or act in any way in relation to the same.

Article 24. To see if the Town will vote to install two street lights on Pleasant street near the residence of W. C. Robinson & Sons, raise and appropriate any sum of money therefor, or act in any way in relation to the same.

Article 25. To see if the Town will vote to accept the bequest to it for the Taft Public Library under clause "Fourth" of the will of Austin B. Fletcher, deceased, and agree to all the conditions of said bequest, or take any other action or pass any other votes relative to said bequest and the acceptance thereof.

Article 26. To see what action the Town will take relating to actions that may be brought by or against the Town.

The Polls may be closed at 4 P. M.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant, by posting up an attested copy thereof at the Post Office in said Mendon, and causing a copy of the same to be published one time in one of the daily papers, published in Milford, Mass., both said posting and publication to be at least seven days before the time of the meeting hereby ordered to be held.

Hereof, fail not, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Selectmen and Town Clerk, before the time and place of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands at Mendon, this tenth day of February in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-five.

FRANKLIN E. GOODNOW,  
CARL M. TAFT,  
P. JOHN HOBERG,

Selectmen of Mendon.

A true copy, attest :

ARTHUR E. BROWN,

Constable of Mendon.

